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TEA PLANTATIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the South Indian Tea Growers have demanded for hiking the present subsidy and higher amount for tea replantation and rejuvenation on par with Darjeeling under the proposed replantation scheme of the Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government, after considering all aspects of the subject, has announced setting up of SPTF (Special Purpose Tea Fund) for funding the replantation and rejuvenation wherein 25% will be the subsidy from the Central Government, 25% owners` contribution and 50% loan from the SPTF for the entire tea sector.